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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. The amendment filed on 6/16/2004 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims (new claims 31-53) are not readable on the elected invention because they are directed towards non-elected species II corresponding to page 4, lines 23-25 of the specification (see the restriction requirement mailed 4/2/2003, now Paper No. 5). The original claims 1-27 were directed towards species I, which was elected without traverse by the Applicant on 6/12/2003 (now Paper No. 6). The Examiner respectfully reminds the Applicant that a RCE is not a continuation or divisional of the instant application, but a request for continued examination of the instant application. In order to pursue the non-elected claims, the Examiner suggests filling a divisional based on the instant application.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.


Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hussein Akhavannik whose telephone number is (703)306-4049. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo H. Boudreau can be reached on (703)305-4706. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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